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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents,  
Public School Academy Directors and Community Colleges,  
Public School Academy Authorizers

**FROM:** Tom Watkins

**DATE:** August 18, 2003

**SUBJECT:** 2003-2004 Charter School Implementation/Continuation Grant - Ninth Cycle

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce the 2003-2004 Charter School Implementation/Continuation Grant - Ninth Cycle. This program is supported through funds from the United States Department of Education.

The purpose of this part of the program is to provide funding for existing public school academies that have recently opened and are within a 36-month timeframe. In this part of the program, funds of approximately **\$150,000** will be made available for activities consistent with the grant program criteria.

The 2003-04 Charter Schools Continuation Grant Application must be completed and submitted using the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS). This system is available at <http://meis.mde.state.mi.us/megs> and requires a MEIS Login and Password, as well as the appropriate level of access to MEGS. Access levels for operational public school academies are granted by the Authorized Official(s) for the academy. The names of the Authorized Official(s) for an academy may be obtained by contacting Kim Sidel at 517/373-3345.

Applications must be submitted no later than **Monday, September 29, 2003**.

Questions about the Charter School Grant Program or the application materials may be directed to Greg Olszta in the Public School Academy Program at 517/241-4715.

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